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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
S. BAY et al
Serial No. P^o049,847
Filed: March 27, 1998
For: MULTIPLE... USE THEREOF



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RESPONSE

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of December 21, 1998,
Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of
the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 1 to 20, no other
claims having been presented.

Applicants are submitting herewith the sequence listing and
the diskette to comply with the Patent Office's request for the
same.

The Examiner has required restriction between claims 1 to 14
and 17 to 19 drawn to conjugates and claims 15, 16 and 18 drawn to
a distinct conjugate according to the Examiner.

Applicants elect the invention of group I, namely, claims 1 to
14 and 17 to 19. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional

Examiner's action...
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application directed thereto.

Applicants are submitting herewith copies of page 2a and page 38 as requested by the Examiner.

Since the first office action was merely a restriction requirement, Applicants request a prompt examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosures

- 25 into contact with at least one antibody according to claim 26 and wherein one determines the formation of complexes between this antibody and molecules comprised in the said sample.

expresses clusters of antigens on a protein backbone (like desialylated red blood